

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DEFINITION

Under general direction, to plan, organize, direct, supervise and administer the activities of the Finance division within the Administrative Services Department; to provide highly complex staff assistance to the Director of Administrative Services and others, and to perform related work as required.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is a single-position classification. The incumbent reports to the Director of Administrative Services and has responsibility for providing daily supervision to Finance division staff.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (Illustrative Only)

- Plans, organizes and supervises the activities of professional, technical and clerical staff in the Finance division
- Participates in the development and administration of the department budget
- Plans, develops and implements City policies and procedures for accounting and financial record keeping
- Oversees the preparation of the City's annual audit report
- Supervises and assists in the preparation of the City's annual budget and monitors budget performance
- Monitors cash balances
- Supervises and assists in the preparation of various financial reports; supervises the preparation of the Treasurer's report
- Invests Special Assessment District bond and tax assessment funds
- Oversees and ensures the financial compliance of the City's grants
- Interprets and applies provisions of laws, rules and regulations related to division matters
- Develops policies, procedures, standards and ordinances to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations
- Interprets and advises staff on applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures
- Coordinates Finance division activities with other divisions, departments, governmental agencies and outside organizations as appropriate
- Trains employees in work procedures, standards and safety practices, and reviews work in progress or upon completion for compliance with standards
- Interviews and recommends selection of job applicants, appraises employee performance, conducts informal counseling on work issues, prepares documentation and improvement plans for deficiencies, and recommends disciplinary action
- Reviews and approves employee work schedules, overtime, vacation, sick leave and time cards
- Conducts staff and safety meetings

- Participates in Administrative Services management meetings and works with managers and staff to resolve policy, procedural or operational issues
- Prepares and maintains a variety of records, reports and correspondence related to division activities
- Attends and/or makes presentations at council, interagency, committee, and other meetings and conferences
- Acts on behalf of the Director when needed

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of

- Principles and practices of municipal fiscal management, including accounting, budgeting and investments
- State and federal tax codes
- Taxation policies and the various sources of local government funding
- Asset forfeiture policies and procedures
- Administrative principles and methods, including goal setting, program and budget development and implementation, personnel management and supervision
- Organizational and management practices as applied to the analysis and evaluation of programs, policies and operational needs
- Pertinent federal, state and local rules, regulations and laws

Skill in

- Planning, organizing, assigning, supervising, reviewing and evaluating the activities of program areas within the Finance division
- Preparing and administering municipal budgets
- Preparing administrative and financial reports with accuracy and in a timely manner
- Understanding and performing complex accounting and financial work
- Analyzing, interpreting, summarizing and presenting administrative and financial information in an effective and accurate manner
- Selecting, training, motivating and evaluating staff
- Developing, implementing, and interpreting goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and work standards
- Coordinating division activities with other City departments and agencies as required
- Analyzing complex problems, evaluating alternatives, and making sound recommendations related to division activities
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the work
- Using computer technology and applications in the performance of daily activities
- Preparing and presenting clear, concise and logical written and oral reports

A typical way of gaining the knowledge and skills outlined above is:

- Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree with major course work in public or business administration, with an emphasis on finance or accounting AND five years of increasingly responsible, recent experience in public sector finance, including two years of supervisory responsibility.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

Possession of a valid California driver's license.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Mobility to work in a standard office environment, use standard office equipment and attend off-site meetings. On an intermittent basis, sit at a desk for long periods of time; intermittently walk, stand, bend, squat, twist and reach while performing office duties; lift light to moderately heavy weights. Manual dexterity to use standard office equipment and supplies and to manipulate both single sheets of paper and large document holders (binders, manuals, etc.); vision to read handwritten and printed materials and a computer screen; hearing and speech to communicate in person and by telephone.

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This job specification should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Not all duties are necessarily performed by each incumbent. Additionally, incumbents may be required to follow any other instructions and to perform any other related duties as may be required by their supervisor.